(d) and (e) The threat to the security of former Prime Ministers and their family members remains constantly under review. Security is provided as per the latest perception of threat.

Bridges over Lohit and Khabolu rivers in Assam

5552. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the survey of bridges over Lohit and Khabolu rivers connecting Majuli and Lakhimpur in Assam by NEC; and

(b) the total outlays, allocation already made or proposed to be made for implementing the scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Preliminary survey for bridge over river Lohit and Khabuli is under progress. The model study for the bridge is to be conducted before finalising the feasibility report.

(b) There is an outlay of Rs. 54 lakhs for the Scheme "Survey of Bridge over Lohit and Khabuli rivers" in the 9th Five Year Plan of NEC.

Implementation of Assam Accord

5553. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the clause-wise target fixed and implementation status of Assam accord;

(b) the details of formula agreed upon for constitutional safeguard under clause 6 and its plan for execution; and

(c) the date by which IMDT Act will be repealed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI): (a) Action has been taken to implement all the provisions of the Assam Accord. Central Government has also been holding tripartite meetings with the Government of Assam and representatives of All Assam Students Union (AASU) to review the implementation of various clauses of the Assam Accord. Status of the implementation of the Assam Accord is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) The last meeting of the tripartite sub-committee has been held on

April 10, 2000 at Guwahati. No formula has been agreed upon for Constitutional safeguards under clause 6 of the Assam Accord.

(c) No date can be specified by when the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 will be repealed.

Statement

The Government of India is fully committed to the Implementation of the Assam Accord, 1985. Various measures have been taken in this regard. These include, *inter alia* the following:—

Foreigner's Issue:

1. The Citizenship Act, 1955, Citizenship Rules, 1956 and the Foreigners (Tribunals) Order, 1964, were amended.

2. Eleven Tribunals under the Foreigners (Tribbunals) Order, 1964 have been created in Assam for identifying foreigners of 1966-71 stream. 22,861 persons have been declared as foreigners by the Tribunals till 30.9.99.

3. Special Registration Officers have been appointed. Sanction was also accorded for the creation of 1280 additional posts under the Prevention of Infiltration of Foreigners' Scheme.

4. Sixteen Tribunals under the Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 have been created in Assam. 9,867 persons have been declared as Illegal Migrants till 30.9.99.

5. Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983 was amended in 1988.

Safeguards and Economic Development:

6. A cultural centre called the Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalashetra Complex, was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.18.85 crores under the Assam Accord. The same was inaugurated by Hon'ble President of India in November 1998.

7. Sri Jyoti Chitraban (Film) Studio at Guwahati at a cost of Rs.8.79 crore has been modernised and inaugurated by the Chief Minister, Assam in April 1999.

8. Numaligarh Refinery was set up at a cost of nearly Rs.2,500 crores and inaugurated by the Prime Minister in July 1999.

9. Two Central Universities, one at Tejpur, and the other at Silchar, have been set up.

10. An IIT has been set up at Guwahati. The first convocation of IIT Guwahati took place in May 1999.

11. Kathalguri Power Project (60 MW) has been commissioned.

12. Various other economic development programme have been undertaken in furtherance of PM's initiative of 1996.

Other Issues:

13. The power to issue citizenship certificates now vests ony with the Central Government.

14. Border fencing of 143.06 Kms out of 152.3 Kms sanctioned has been completed on Assam-Bangaladesh border. 126.28 Kms of border roads have been completed.

15. Ex-gratia payment was made to the next of kin of persons killed in the course of the agitation.

16. Disciplinary cases against employees in connection with the agitation were reviewed.

17. In the matter of recruitment, orders were issued by the Central Government for relaxation in upper age limit upto a maximum of six years in the case of candidates who had ordinarily resided in the State of Assam during the period 1.1.1980 to 15.8.1985.

18. NSA detenues detained in connection with agitation were released.

Illegal Immigrants in Assam

5554. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the finding of his Ministry regarding illegal migrants constituting majority in 36 constituencies of Assam as appeared in "The Sentinel" published from Guwahati on the 2nd March, 2000;

(b) the action contemplated to save Assam from this silent ballot invasion including suggested modification of revision norms; and

(c) the status of the proposal for preparation of Citiens Register and issue of work permit to non-citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs is not aware of any